

J. W. LOMAX & CO.

AT THIS STORE you will find what you are looking for for Xmas gifts. New goods are arriving every day by freight and express. We still urge you, for your benefit as well as ours, to shop early. The mornings are the best. Buy now before the assortments are picked over, and, if you desire, leave your packages at the store till Christmas. We will send your packages to any of the churches if you wish,

Ruching and Ladies' Neckwear

Ruching is at its height of popularity now, and the beautiful effects these goods make into neckwear are very pretty indeed. These come in pink, blue, black and white, at 1c and 2c per inch. Many beautiful new Ruff Collars, each put up in a separate box; blue, brown and white, at \$2.50 and \$2.00 each. Other styles at 50c and 25c each.

Men's Four-in-Hands in Xmas Boxes

Each Four-in-Hand packed in a neat fancy Xmas box. These goods are all the new popular styles and colorings and sell for 50 cents each.

Women's Shopping Bags and Purses

Every woman appreciates a Shopping Bag or Purse for a Xmas gift, and you will find here a collection of these goods which will make the task of choosing an easy problem. All the new shapes, priced very reasonably at \$5.00 to 25 cents.

McCall's or The New Idea Woman's Magazine

12 COPIES—ONE YEAR—50 CENTS

A copy of the McCall's Magazine, or The New Idea Magazine, should be in every home every month. For the nominal cost of 50 cents you may have a copy of either of these popular fashion magazines come to your friend's home twelve times, and each time it comes it is a pleasant reminder to the recipient of the giver's kindness. We take subscriptions.

Men's Mufflers

The new popular Reefer Mufflers here in a variety of colors—brown, tan, blue, gray, cream, black and white, at 50c to \$1.85. The better grades at 85c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$1.85 each put up in Xmas boxes, and make an ideal gift for a man or boy.

Dress Goods and Silks for Xmas

What is a more sensible gift than a Suit Pattern or a Waist Pattern? And either will be appreciated for its sterling value if bought here. Each season we find the demand for these goods more popular for Christmas gifts than the preceding season. Our Dress Goods and Silk stocks are complete, and prices are always right.

Hosiery for Xmas

Why not a box of Hosiery for your Christmas gift? Always acceptable and here you will find the best to be obtained. Put up 6 pairs in a box at 90c, \$1.50 and \$3.00 per box.

New Xmas Combs

Our stock of combs is replete with all of the new wanted styles. Brilliant Combs in all the pretty stylish effects at 50c to 2.50 each. Each comb at \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50 packed in a neat fancy box for Xmas.

Handkerchiefs for Christmas

Handkerchiefs of every kind here, but we have exercised great care in the buying to allow only goods of dependable quality to comprise our assortment. It makes no difference what price we ask you, you will find each handkerchief possesses quality of its class. Handkerchiefs have always been one of the accepted articles for Christmas gifts and you will find this store stocked with an immense showing of Handkerchiefs. Ladies' Handkerchiefs \$1.00 to 5c each. Men's Handkerchiefs 50c to 5c. Children's Handkerchiefs 25c to 3c each.

Fancy Needlework and Art Linens

Every woman appreciates goods of this character. Our Fancy Needlework and Art Linens are purchased by us direct from the Mexican manufacturers—thus a saving in price to you. Many beautiful patterns at \$5.00 to 25c each.

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Laclede, Mo.

FACETIOUS PROMINENT CITIZENS

Blade Reporter Squelched by Combined Assault of Intellectual Giants at Meadville

The Meadville Messenger last week devoted three columns of its first page to a "roast" of the Laclede high school football team and the writer, and then apologetically remarks that the stuff was written by "two prominent citizens of Meadville." Of course it was. None but "prominent citizens" write such stuff for the newspapers—in Meadville. Even the person who furnished the Messenger the copy for the three-line write-up of the Thanksgiving game at Meadville was undoubtedly a "prominent citizen"—in Meadville. The fact is that Meadville is sore at Laclede on account of that same Thanksgiving game. Meadville players before the game boasted that they would run up a 50-0 score on Laclede and tried to persuade the Laclede captain to put a Brookfield football star, Harry Neal, on the team "to make the game little bit interesting." It wasn't necessary. Meadville was outplayed without him. The officials in the game all say so, and they probably know, although these "two prominent citizens of Meadville" deny it.

Let's quote a little from the Messenger: "The team which covets the football honors of North Missouri must rest its cause on the games it has won." "You have to win something and win it from a first-class team to have any claim to the championship." "Of the strong teams, those really in the championship class were Macon, Chillicothe, Brees, St. Joe, Oregon, Kirksville, Brookfield, Meadville—with Breckenridge and Laclede as seconds."

How many games did Meadville win from a first-class team? How many of "those really in the championship class" did she conquer? One—count 'em—one! She got one game from Brookfield, which makes her champion over all the others, because some other team defeated every one of them! Of course, Chillicothe beat Meadville, but that game doesn't count, because Chillicothe wouldn't play another game with them. So Meadville is champion because she got one game from a "big" team, while Laclede only tied the "champions."

Now they claim that Chillicothe forfeited all title to the championship by refusing to play that other game. Immediately after the Thanksgiving game, Laclede challenged Meadville for another game to decide the matter, and the Meadville players fell all over one another in their frantic haste to get to cover. They absolutely refused to play another game. Why not apply the same rule to them that they used on Chillicothe? Let them play or yield their alleged title. Now comes the Messenger with a challenge for a game that "would be a past game and not bear on the rating of either team." Why not? Why shouldn't it count? It would appear that certain "prominent citizens"—in Meadville—are not exactly positive about the result of the proposed game.

Great gobs of genuine grief resulted from the statement that Laclede had played against a stronger team than did Meadville. Laclede played two games against Meadville, which "claims" to be the strongest team in the state. However, the compliment was too strong and the retraction is willingly and joyfully made. Meadville has a good team, but there are plenty of others just as good. Laclede has a better one.

If Laclede's claims to the championship seem ridiculous to Meadville, it should be remembered that they are at least as strong as her own, which come from winning a lone game from one of the teams the "two prominent citizens"—in Meadville—choose to class among "those really in the championship class." See?

Circuit Court Proceedings

W. E. McCully et al vs. C., B. & Q. Ry., mandate entered of record. In the matter of Peter Kiel, naturalized.

T. M. Bresnahan vs. J. W. Stoddard et al, passed from docket until further order of court.

Wm. N. Wheeler, ex parte trustee of estate of Herman Vantiger, first report approved.

Viola Hayes et al. vs. Margaret M. Canada et al., sheriff's final report of distribution approved and cause passed from docket.

Dick & Gannon vs. Geo. Hayes et al., same order.

J. F. Wilkerson et al. vs. Byron Pendleton et al., same order.

John W. O'Neal vs. Dottie DeMars et al., sheriff's report of sale approved and continued to await report of first distributor.

Wm. Carter vs. A. W. Morris, dismissed for want of security for costs.

State vs. Otto Darrell, plead guilty, fined \$50 and 6 months in jail; execution as to jail sentence stayed on payment of costs.

State vs. James Lockwood, continued.

State vs. F. Lane, nolle pros.

State vs. W. W. and Geo. Ellis, dismissed and costs taxed against prosecuting witness.

State vs. Robert McLaughlin, plead guilty.

State vs. James Monroe, plead guilty to common assault and fined \$100 and 6 months in jail; execution stayed.

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State vs. Frank Morris, continued.

Pearl Wyett vs. Walter F. Wyett, plaintiff divorced, given care and custody of minor child and \$1000 alimony.

Wm. Hollen vs. Mary E. Hollen, plaintiff divorced and awarded care and custody of minor children.

W. P. Carter vs. C., B. & Q. Ry. Co., judgment by agreement for plaintiff in the sum of \$125.

Johnson, Street & Co. vs. C., B. & Q. Ry. Co., judgment by agreement for plaintiff in the sum of \$80.

State vs. Hiram Bracken, plead guilty, one year in jail.

W. H. Freeman vs. C., B. & Q. Ry. Co., dismissed as per stipulation filed.

Annie E. Colbert vs. J. R. Colbert, nonsuit.

Nettie O. Lang vs. Lewis Lang, nonsuit.

May Jones, guardian, vs. S. P. McCurdy et al., title vested in plaintiff as per prayer of petition.

Sarah A. Long vs. Mary A. Long, continued.

Clara Lockwood vs. Jas. Lockwood, plaintiff divorced and \$600 alimony.

Alice Lower vs. J. W. Lower, plaintiff divorced and maiden name of Colston restored.

Ezekiel G. Cole et al. vs. Flora S. Cole et al., sheriff's report approved.

J. P. Fell et al. vs. H. R. McCormick et al., title vested in plaintiff as per prayer of petition.

Maggie Schorghl et al. vs. Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., transferred to Brookfield.

Lewis H. Goid et al. vs. Western Union Tel. Co., transferred to Brookfield court.

Geo. S. Reed vs. County Court of Livingston county, transferred to Brookfield court.

Some Evening Reveries.

It is difficult for a woman who has led an active life as housekeeper to become a passive member of her son's or daughter's home. She likes her old way best; she longs to show the younger generation how they are wasting their resources. Youth will learn only by experience. It resents interference. And so there are misunderstandings, and unhappiness results. A woman is always happier in her own home with her own income, however small it may be, than in the home of another, even of her own son and daughter, though it be a home of wealth and lavish generosity, where there is an earnest desire to make her comfortable and happy.

A mother is truly our guardian spirit upon earth; her goodness shields and protects; she walks with our infancy, our youth and maturing age, even sheltering us with her absolving love and expiating our many sins with her blessed prayers. And when our mother, with all her burden of love, her angelic influence, her saintly care, ceases her beauteous life, how much we lose of home, of happiness, of heaven, no one can reckon; for our mother was none but ours, and we only can know how holy she was, how sacred her memory must be.

If you wish your children to be respectful to you, then you should be respectful to them. The boys and girls who are spoken to in a harsh, rough tone of voice naturally fall into the habit of responding in the same way. Parental dignity and authority may be asserted with the utmost firmness, and yet without coarseness or arrogance. In fact, it cannot be well asserted in any other way. A rude father or mother is likely to have rude sons and daughters.